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REFERENDA

Var. #
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Description

ICPSR State Code 31

County or State Name

Identification Number

Unique numeric identification number assigned to each county or independent city within a state. The identification number for state-level records is 0000. This identification number, when used in conjunction with the ICPSR state code, uniquely identifies each unit of analysis in the data file.

1968 Referendum

Constitutional Amendment

General Election, November 5, 1968

Yes = 469,449; No = 263,886

(3rd Amendment on Ballot) - Summary of Iowa Constitutional Amendment. To fix the basis of representation in the General Assembly with no more than 50 Senators and no more than 100 Representatives, and to provide for congressional districting.

4

Vote Yes (For)

5

Vote No (Against)

1968 Referendum

Constitutional Amendment

General Election, November 5, 1968

Yes = 389,435; No = 350,277

(5th Amendment on Ballot) - Summary of Iowa Constitutional Amendment. To allow General Assembly to fix compensation and expenses of members of Assembly but no increase shall be effective prior to the next General Assembly.

6

Vote Yes (For)

7

Vote No (Against)

State Iowa

REFERENDUM

Var. #

Description

1968 Referendum

Constitutional Amendment

General Election, November 5, 1968

Yes = 394,258; No = 366,591

(1st Amendment on Ballot) - Summary of Iowa Consti-
tutional Amendment. To require annual sessions of
the General ASSEMBLY.

8

Vote Yes (For)

9

Vote No (Against)

1968 Referendum

Constitutional Amendment

General Election, November 5, 1968

Yes = 411,472; No = 328,273

(4th Amendment on Ballot) - Summary of Iowa Consti-
tutional Amendment. To give the Governor authority
to veto any item of an appropriation bill subject to
power of the General Assembly to override the veto.

10

Vote Yes (For)

11

Vote No (Against)

State Iowa

REFERENDUM

Var. #

Description

1968 Referendum

Constitutional Amendment

General Election, November 5, 1968

Yes = 486,749; No = 256,236

(2nd Amendment on Ballot) - Summary of Iowa Consti-
tutional Amendment. To grant home rule to municipal
corporations to govern their local affairs but not
to levy a tax unless authorized by the General
Assembly.

12

Vote Yes (For)

13

Vote No (Against)

1968 Referendum

Judicial

General Election, November 5, 1968

Yes = 457,107; No = 139,831

Shall the following Judge be retained in Office?
Supreme Court, Clay LeGrand

14

Vote Yes (For)

15

Vote No (Against)

State Iowa

REFERENDA

Var. #Description1970 ReferendaConstitutional AmendmentGeneral Election, November 3, 1970Yes = 300,119; No = 141,091S.J.R. 1.To allow the General Assembly to alter periods of
residence to vote for various officers or in various
elections.

16

Vote Yes (For)

17

Vote No (Against)

1970 ReferendaConstitutional AmendmentGeneral Election, November 3, 1970Yes = 289,200; No = 132,590S.J.R. 2.To require single member legislative districts for
members of the General Assembly.

18

Vote Yes (For)

19

Vote No (Against)

State Iowa

REFERENDA

Var. #Description1970 ReferendaConstitutional AmendmentGeneral Election, November 3, 1970Yes = 243,628; No = 169,969S.J.R. 3.To repeal the Constitutional requirement for the office
and election of County Attorney.

20

Vote Yes (For)

21

Vote No (Against)

1970 ReferendaConstitutional PropositionGeneral Election, November 3, 1970Yes = 204,517; No = 214,663Proposition.Shall there be a Convention to revise the Constitution,
and propose amendment or amendments to same?

22

Vote Yes (For)

23

Vote No (Against)

State Iowa

REFERENDA

Var. #Description1972 ReferendaConstitutional AmendmentGeneral Election, November 7, 1972Yes = 770,501; No = 88,362Amendment #1:

To allow retirement of Judges
for disability and to discipline
or remove them for good cause.

SHALL THE ABOVE
AMENDMENT BE ADOPTED?

24

Vote Yes (For)

25

Vote No (Against)

1972 ReferendaConstitutional AmendmentGeneral Election, November 7, 1972Yes = 609,909; No = 249,696Amendment #2:

To fix four-year terms for
Governor, Lieutenant Governor,
Secretary of State, Auditor
of State, Treasurer of State,
and Attorney General, following
the 1974 general election.

SHALL THE ABOVE
AMENDMENT BE ADOPTED?

26

Vote Yes (For)

27

Vote No (Against)

State Iowa

REFERENDA

Var. #Description1972 ReferendaConstitutional AmendmentGeneral Election, November 7, 1972Yes = 585,966; No = 286,959Amendment #3:

To repeal the prohibition
against lotteries and the sale
of lottery tickets.

SHALL THE ABOVE
AMENDMENT BE ADOPTED?

28

Vote Yes (For)

29

Vote No (Against)

Referenda

Vote Yes (For)

Vote No (Against)

State Iowa

REFERENDA

Var. #Description

1974 Referenda

Constitutional Amendment

General Election, November 5, 1974

Yes = 364,556; NO = 178,116

No. 1: To authorize General Assembly to call
itself into special session.

30

Vote Yes (For)

31

Vote No (Against)

1974 Referenda

Constitutional Amendment

General Election, November 5, 1974

Yes = 272,792 NO = 270,244

No. 2: To repeal the requirement that all fines
for breach of the penal laws be applied to the
school district in which the fines are collected.

32

Vote Yes (For)

33

Vote No (Against)

State Iowa

REFERENDA

Var. #Description1978 Referenda

Constitutional Amendment

General Election, November 7, 1978

Yes = 302,520; No = 204,061

CA #3: Shall the following Amendment to the
 Constitution be adopted? "To grant limited home rule
 authority to counties or joint county-municipal
 corporation governments, with no taxing power unless
 authorized by the general assembly."

34

Vote Yes (For)

35

Vote No (Against)

36

Total Votes

37

Vote Yes (Percent)

38

Vote No (Percent)

Referenda

Vote Yes (For)

Vote No (Against)

Total Votes

Votes Yes (Percent)

Votes No (Percent)

State Iowa

BALLOT PROPOSALS

Var. #Description1980 Ballot ProposalsConstitutional Amendment

(Shall the following amendment to the constitution be adopted?)

General Election--November 4th, 1980Yes=468,708 No=591,925

Section one (1) of Article one (I) of the Constitution of the State of Iowa is repealed and the following adopted in lieu thereof: All men and women are, by nature, free and equal, and have certain inalienable rights among which are those of enjoying and defending life and liberty, acquiring, possessing and protecting property, and pursuing and obtaining safety and happiness. Neither the State nor any of its political subdivisions shall, on the basis of gender, deny or restrict the equality of rights under the law.

Vote Yes (For)

Vote No (Against)

Total Votes

Vote Yes (percent)

Vote No (percent)

State Iowa

BALLOT PROPOSALS

Var. #Description1980 Ballot ProposalsConstitutional Convention PropositionGeneral Election--November 4th, 1980Yes=404,249 No=640,130

Shall there be a Convention to revise the Constitution, and propose amendment or amendments to same?

Vote Yes (For)

Vote No (Against)

Total Votes

Vote Yes (percent)

Vote No (percent)

State IOWA

BALLOT PROPOSALS

Var. #Description1984

Ballot Proposals

Const. Amendment 1

General Election: November 6, 1984

Yes = 419,036 No = 290,404

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Shall the following amendment to the constitution be adopted?

Summary: To allow the legislature to void an adopted administrative rule of a state agency by the process of a joint resolution rather than only by statute. (See entire context posted in voting booth.)

YES**NO**

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Vote Yes (For)

Vote No (Against)

Total Votes

Vote Yes (percent)

Vote No (percent)

State IOWA

BALLOT PROPOSALS

Var. #Description1984

Ballot Proposals

Const. Amendment 2

General Election: November 6, 1984

Yes = 391,433 No = 309,112

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Shall the following amendment to the constitution be adopted?

Summary: To repeal the constitutional provision relating to the distribution of money subject to the support and maintenance of common schools. (See entire context posted in voting booth.)

YES**NO**

54

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58

Vote Yes (For)

Vote No (Against)

Total Votes

Vote Yes (percent)

Vote No (percent)

BALLOT PROPOSALS

Var. #Description

1986 Ballot Proposals

Constitutional Amendment 1

General Election: November 4, 1986

Yes = 291,601 No = 218,877

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

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Shall the following amendment to the Constitution be adopted?
(Summary: To allow the Iowa Legislature to specify effective dates for laws, and to repeal the requirement that some laws be published before taking effect.)

Section 26 of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Iowa, as amended by the Amendment of 1966, is repealed and the following adopted in lieu thereof:

"An act of the general assembly passed at a regular session of a general assembly shall take effect on July 1 following its passage unless a different effective date is stated in an act of the general assembly. An act passed at a special session of a general assembly shall take effect ninety days after adjournment of the special session unless a different effective date is stated in an act of the general assembly. The general assembly may establish by law a procedure for giving notice of the contents of acts of immediate importance which become law."

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Vote Yes (For)
Vote No (Against)
Total Votes
Vote Yes (percent)
Vote No (percent)

State _____

BALLOT PROPOSALS

Var. #Description

Ballot Proposals

Vote Yes (For)
Vote No (Against)
Total Votes
Vote Yes (percent)
Vote No (percent)

BALLOT PROPOSALS - 1988

<u>Variable #</u>	<u>Description</u>
64	Vote Yes (For)
65	Vote No (Against)
66	Total Votes
67	Vote Yes (percent)
68	Vote No (percent)
	Election: November 8, 1988.
	YES = 541,645 NO = 271,331

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**Shall the following amendment
to the constitution be adopted?**

YES	<input type="checkbox"/>
NO	<input type="checkbox"/>

[Summary: The governor and lieutenant governor shall be elected as a team. Each voter shall cast a single vote for the team preferred.]

1. Section 2 of Article IV of the Constitution of the State of Iowa, as amended by amendment number 1 of the Amendments of 1972, is repealed beginning with the general election in the year 1990 and the following adopted in lieu thereof:

SEC. 2. The governor and the lieutenant governor shall be elected by the qualified electors at the time and place of voting for members of the general assembly. Each of them shall hold office for four years from the time of installation in office and until a successor is elected and qualifies.

2. Section 3 of Article IV of the Constitution of the State of Iowa, as amended by amendment number 1 of the Amendments of 1972, is repealed beginning with the general election in the year 1990 and the following adopted in lieu thereof:

SEC. 3. The electors shall designate their selections for governor and lieutenant governor as if these two offices were one and the same. The names of nominees for the governor and the lieutenant governor shall be grouped together in a set on the ballot according to which nominee for governor is seeking office with which nominee for lieutenant governor, as prescribed by law. An elector shall cast only one vote for both a nominee for governor and a nominee for lieutenant governor. The returns of every election for governor and lieutenant governor shall be sealed and transmitted to the seat of government of the state, and directed to the speaker of the house of representatives who shall open and publish them in the presence of both houses of the general assembly.

3. Section 4 of the Article IV of the Constitution of the State of Iowa, as amended by amendment number 1 of the Amendments of 1952, is repealed beginning with the general election in the year 1990 and the following adopted in lieu thereof:

SEC. 4. The nominees for governor and lieutenant governor jointly having the highest number of votes cast for them shall be declared duly elected. If two or more sets of nominees for governor and lieutenant governor have an equal and the highest number of votes for the offices jointly, the general assembly shall by joint vote proceed, as soon as is possible, to elect one set of nominees for governor and lieutenant governor. If, upon the completion by the general assembly of the canvass of votes for governor and lieutenant governor, it appears that the nominee for governor in the set of nominees for governor and lieutenant governor receiving the highest number of votes has since died or resigned, is unable to qualify, fails to qualify, or is for any other reason unable to assume the duties of the office of governor for the ensuing term, the powers and duties shall devolve to the nominee for lieutenant governor of the same set of nominees for governor and lieutenant governor, who shall assume the powers and duties of governor upon inauguration and until the disability is removed. If both nominees for governor and lieutenant governor are unable to assume the duties of the office of governor, the person next in succession shall act as governor.

4. Section 5 of Article IV of the Constitution of the State of Iowa is repealed beginning with the general election in the year 1990 and the following adopted in lieu thereof:

SEC. 5. Contested elections for the offices of governor and lieutenant governor shall be determined by the general assembly as prescribed by law.

BALLOT PROPOSALS - 1988

<u>Variable #</u>	<u>Description</u>
69	Vote Yes (For)
70	Vote No (Against)
71	Total Votes
72	Vote Yes (percent)
73	Vote No (percent)
	Election: November 8, 1988.
	YES = 607,321 NO = 158,555

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**Shall the following amendment
to the constitution be adopted?**

YES	<input type="checkbox"/>
NO	<input type="checkbox"/>

[Summary: The lieutenant governor shall have the duties provided by law and assigned by the governor.]

1. Section 15 of Article IV of the Constitution of the State of Iowa, as amended by amendment number 1 of the Amendments of 1972, is repealed beginning with the second Monday in January, 1991 and the following adopted in lieu thereof:

SEC. 15. The official terms of the governor and lieutenant governor shall commence on the Tuesday after the second Monday of January next after their election and shall continue until their successors are elected and qualify. The governor and lieutenant governor shall be paid compensation and expenses as provided by law. The lieutenant governor, while acting as governor, shall be paid the compensation and expenses prescribed for the governor.

2. Section 18 of Article IV of the Constitution of the State of Iowa is repealed beginning with the second Monday in January, 1991 and the following adopted in lieu thereof:

SEC. 18. The lieutenant governor shall have the duties provided by law and those duties of the governor assigned to the lieutenant governor by the governor.

3. Section 19 of Article IV of the Constitution of the State of Iowa as amended by amendment number 2 of the Amendments of 1952 is repealed beginning with the second Monday in January, 1991 and the following adopted in lieu thereof:

SEC. 19. If there be a vacancy in the office of the governor and the lieutenant governor shall by reason of death, impeachment, resignation, removal from office, or other disability become incapable of performing the duties pertaining to the office of governor, the president of the senate shall act as governor until the vacancy is filled or the disability removed; and if the president of the senate, for any of the above causes, shall be incapable of performing the duties pertaining to the office of governor the same shall devolve upon the speaker of the house of representatives; and if the speaker of the house of representatives, for any of the above causes, shall be incapable of performing the duties of the office of governor, the justices of the supreme court shall convene the general assembly by proclamation and the general assembly shall organize by the election of a president by the senate and a speaker by the house of representatives. The general assembly shall thereupon immediately proceed to the election of a governor and lieutenant governor in joint convention.

BALLOT PROPOSALS - 1990

State: IA

Variable #Description:

V74	Vote Yes (For)	Constitutional Convention Question			
V75	Vote No (Against)				
V76	Total Votes	<u>Primary</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>General</u>	<u>Special</u>	<u>Other</u>
V77	Vote Yes (percent)	Date: 11/6/90			
V78	Vote No (percent)	YES = 179,762	NO = 491,179		

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**CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION
 PROPOSITION**

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**SHALL THERE BE A CONVENTION
 TO REVISE THE CONSTITUTION,
 AND PROPOSE AMENDMENT OR
 AMENDMENTS TO SAME?**

BALLOT PROPOSALS - 1990

State:

Variable #Description:

Vote Yes (For)				
Vote No (Against)				
Total Votes	<u>Primary</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>Special</u>	<u>Other</u>
Vote Yes (percent)	Date:			
Vote No (percent)	YES =	NO =		